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REAL REFORM ONE STEP CLOSER FOR MILWAUKEE COUNTY

Representative Joe Sanfelippo (R-West Allis) is pleased to release the following statement after the passage of Assembly Bill 85.

After a decade long fight for real and meaningful reform of their county government, residents in Milwaukee County are one step closer to reaching that goal with the passage of Assembly Bill 85 earlier today.

AB85 improves efficiency by reconciling responsibilities between the county board and county executive. AB 85 also saves taxpayer money by ending the uninhibited and out of control spending by the county board on itself. In addition, AB 85 makes Supervisors more accountable to voters by reducing terms from 4 years to 2 bringing Milwaukee on par with every other county in the state.

The bill also gives voters the opportunity to have direct control over the level of representation they receive from the county board by voting in a binding referendum. If the compensation of a board member is capped, and the job of a supervisor is effectively returned to a part time position as it used to be, it will be done solely by Milwaukee County voters and not State Legislators.

“The referendum included in AB85 assures that the county board will be serving with the consent of the governed rather than at the pleasure of the politicians,” said Representative Sanfelippo.

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